

that he would be willing to run at large from his legislative district across the length and breadth of Nebraska. I think that this is fine. I do think that this is a bill that really never has its day in court. The reason for it is that it is similar to a city council board which we have up in Omaha, council by Districts as Senator Chambers had here in the last session which I voted for and which I supported, which I got up and spoke for. But that bill never has a chance and this bill never has a chance because the news media will never give us a chance. They start up six months before the election and they drag out all of the old mirrors, and even a few of them that are dead laying around the grave yard. We get them to quote why they should not have district elections. How horrible it is going to be. That there is going to be some machine operation. The establishment will not be able to control city council or the board. I would prophesize that you could put on the ballot 10 more times the question of election by districts and it would go down to a defeat each and every time. Because the people get only one side of the issue on this question. It starts on the front page of the paper and it ends in the editorial. They hammer away at it day after day until they have completely subjected the people and I'm not saying that all of the papers in the state, I want to be sure that this is clear because I'm sure that there are papers in the state that feel kindly towards the district elections. But I'm talking about the one in my city a district election for city council, district election for school boards will never come about unless this legislature does something. So I will end this by saying that the school boards are features of this legislature. The people have only one place to go, to this legislature. This is the decision maker as to each and every part of our city is going to have representatives on a representative board just as the people have you representing your district be it from the furthest corner in north-western Nebraska or to the furthest corner in south-eastern Nebraska. So I hope that you do not turn this bill down and I hope that Senator Chambers as the bill proceeds has the chance to pass it. I would prophesize to Senator Chambers that if he sees that his bill is not killed today, just beware because in a week or two when they wind up the machine, you have watched this bill go to its death.

CLERK: Motion on the desk Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Clerk will read.

CLERK: I move the previous question, signed, Senator Fellman.

SPEAKER: The previous question has been moved. The Chair has no business or right to comment but I have had three more lights on here for some time. Question is not debateable, do I see 5 hands. Question is shall the debate cease. Let me see those hands again. Yes there are five hands. The question now is shall the debate now cease. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. This requires 25 votes. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 17 ayes, and 19 nays Mr. President to cease debate.

SPEAKER: The motion fails, now the Senator from downtown Omaha, Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President, members of the body thank you. I don't know if the members of the body voted that way because they wanted to indulge me, but I appreciate it. I'll try to keep the remarks short, it is close to lunch. I would just like to comment a that first of all I oppose Senator Syas motion and I think that there are two things that important to